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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND PLATEN USED THEREIN

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1-21; 21 sheets) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _____ filed _____.
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-085197 filed March 26, 2003 in Japan and No. 2003-093347 filed March 31, 2003 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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